

Appl. No. 10/713,475

Amendment dated January 17, 2005

Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 12, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

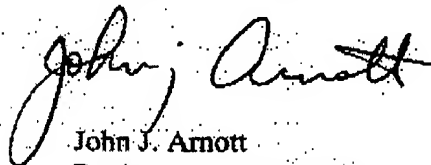
The Amendment filed July 22, 2004 was found to be non-compliant because of the "Amendments to the claims" section. A *Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment* regarding this matter was not mailed until January 12, 2005. This *Response* resubmits (in its entirety) the "Amendments to the claims" section of applicant's amendment document, and now includes the text of all claims (including withdrawn claims). The remaining sections of applicant's amendment document (not resubmitted in this *Response*) remain as filed on July 22, 2004.

It is respectfully requested that the amendment of July 22, 2004, as corrected by this *Response*, be entered and the application be allowed to proceed to substantive examination.

No additional fees are believed required for this filing. Please charge any additional fees or deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0780/STRK-26,032 of HOWISON & ARNOTT, L.L.P.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,
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